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**EXAMINING GROUP 3621**

#### MATCH-MAKING IN ELECTRONIC TRADING SYSTEMS

Application No. 09/834,494

Examiner J. Reagan

Art Unit 3621

Amendment Transmittal

Amendment After Final

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In re Application of : Schade et al  
Serial No. : 09/834,494 Examiner : J. Reagan  
Filed : April 13, 2001 Group Art Unit : 3621  
For : MATCH-MAKING IN ELECTRONIC TRADING SYSTEMS

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

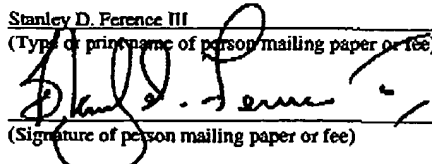
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3. ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
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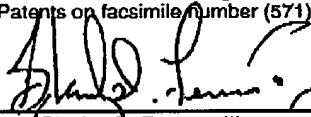
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 25, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.